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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED—
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum,
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, February 27, 1886. 402

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
PAID-UP.....\$ 500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank acquires Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balances of such Uclaims, purchased.

1.—By an immediate Payment in Cash of not less than 90% for the whole Claim.

2.—At 100% Payment being made in Fully paid Scrip of the Corporation's 2½ per cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock, carrying interest from date of issue, and exchangeable for Stock Warrants of \$100 with Half-Yearly Interest Coupons attached, on the Scrip being made up to any even multiple of \$100.

NOTICES OF THIS STOCK incur no Liability whatever.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, February 15, 1886. 314

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RE-ESTABLISHED myself in BUSINESS at this Port, under the Name of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 604

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

M. HARRY ARNOLD WOOLNOUGH is appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company and is authorized to SIGN for it in that Capacity.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS,
General Manager.

Hongkong Dispensary,
3rd April, 1886. 676

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of our Mr. G. D. BOTOMLEY, MR. THOMAS EDMUND DAVIES is authorized to SIGN for our Firm per Procuratum.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1886. 540

THE Newest Cambrie SCARF and TIES.
Washing Silk Summer SCARFS.

Men's Bathing DRAWERS and DRESSES.
Ladies' Bathing COSTUMES and Bath WRAPS.

Turkish Bath BLANKETS and TOWELS.

Single and Double 'Terai' HATS.

Felt HATS in new shapes.
Pith Sun HATS and HELMETS.

New PUGGARIES.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Business Notices.

SUMMER GOODS.

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GENTLEMEN'S UNDER-SHIRTS and DRAWERS.

Fancy Thread and Cotton HALF-HOSE.

New Lawn Tennis JERSEYS.

Fancy Silk Tennis SHIRTS.

The Newest Cambrie SCARF and TIES.

Washing Silk Summer SCARFS.

Men's Bathing DRAWERS and DRESSES.

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Single and Double 'Terai' HATS.

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New PUGGARIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, April 6, 1886. 699

Intimations.

THE LIOUQUATORS are prepared to receive TENDERS for the PURCHASE of the LAND, BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, and FIXTURES of the LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

All Tenders should be enclosed in an Envelope endorsed "TENDER for PURCHASE of LEE YUEN" and addressed to the Liquidators of the LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, and may be placed in the hands of C. EWING, Solicitor to the Liquidators, with a Deposit of \$50,000, before 3 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of April, 1886.

The Tenders will not be opened until after 3 o'clock on the 21st day of April.

The Liquidators will accept the highest Tender provided it exceeds the sum of \$130,000 and provided also it is on a form which can be obtained at the Office of C. EWING, at 45, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and it is in accordance with the conditions contained in such form.

The Purchaser must also purchase the Coal, ANIMAL CHARCOAL, and OFFICE FURNITURE, and SPARE MACHINERY, and STORES in the Godown (which are not included in the Tender) at Invoice Prices.

The Purchaser must also take over from date of Sale, the liability of the Company under the Contract with the English Sugar Boiler of the Company who has been engaged for a term expiring in February, 1887.

The Refinery is most favourably situated occupying almost 100,000 square feet of ground by the side of Bowrington Canal and close to the Harbour.

The whole of the Buildings and Machinery are in excellent order, a large portion of the Plant and Machinery having never been used.

The Refinery is capable of refining 1,200 piculs of Raw Sugar per day.

Dated this Eighteenth day of March, 1886.

ANDREW JOHNSTON.

LAU WAI CHUN 劉渭川.

LI KING TING 李敬亭.

Liquidators.

SPRING GOODS.

which they will be prepared to SHOW on and after

Monday, April 5th.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 678

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NEW SHIPMENT

OF

BRINSMEAD'S

PIANOS

FOR SALE

JUST RECEIVED

ON THE

MONTHLY SYSTEM.

FOR HIRE

OR

FOR PURCHASE

on the

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG. 727

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

NEW DRESS MATERIALS.

White DRESS MATERIALS.

Best BROCADE SAT'ENS.

CANVAS and MATTING CLOTHS.

EMBROIDERED TENNIS JACKETS, every

Plain and Fancy PERSIAN JACKETS.

New JACKETS in Ladies' COBNETS.

ROSENKEANZ JACKETS.

NAUTICAL JACKETS.

VOGLAHLER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RICHARD'S LIQUID & OTHER COMPOUNDS.

ADMIRALTY & IMPRAY CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH & ENAMELLED PLATED WARE.

CHRISTIE & CO. ENAMELLED PLATED WARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

DIAMOND S.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s PIERS AND GODOWNS, WEST POINT.

THESE are now in Working Order.

STEAMERS are berthed at the Wharf, and CARGO RECEIVED and STORED at Cheap Rates.

THE GODOWNS are two storied, dry, and well suited for the STORAGE of SILK, COTTON and WOOLLEN FABRICS, as well as GENERAL MERCHANTISE.

Advances made on CARGO stored.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING

STORES.

YORK HAMS.
Roll BUTTER.
Top soap BUTTER.
French BUTTER.
Egg COCOA.

van HOUTEN'S COCOA.

Picnic TONGUES.

MACKEREL in 6lb Tins.

RAISINS and CURRANTS.

Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVOY & MOORE's New Infant FOOD.

BARNES & Co.'s JAMS.

Potted MEATS.

PATE de FOIS GRAS.

Swiss MILK.

BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.

COOKING STOVES.

KEROSENE LAMPS.

WINES, &c.

—

GILBERT's Sparkling SAUMUR, Pts. & Qua.

SAUCONN'S MANZANILLA.

SAUCONN'S Old Invalid PORT.

Old Bourbon WHISKY.

BURKE's Old Irish WHISKY.

Royal Glendore WHISKY.

MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

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THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of

OILMAN'S STORES,

at the

Lowest Possible Prices

FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1886.

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To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

Venetia

will leave for the above

places on FRIDAY, 23rd April, at Daylight.

A. McIVER,

Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, April 14, 1886.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship

Taising,

Captain DAVIES, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant,

at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, April 14, 1886.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF SYDNEY will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th of May, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's own connecting Steamers.

Through Passes. Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 50% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoice to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 60, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 14, 1886.

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To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

Manager, — NIEL O'BRIEN.

Patron:
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT,
THE HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

LAST NIGHT BUT ONE
OF THE
FAMOUS AND POPULAR
MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY

TO-MORROW EVENING,
the 15th April, 1886,

By Special Request will be REPEATED

The Lily of Killarney,
'THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,'
'THE LILY OF KILLARNEY.'

SATURDAY, 17th April.

LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON
AND
COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
to
MR. NEIL O'BRIEN.

GRAND PROGRAMME.

THE ROSE OF AUVERGNE,
And
THE SCREAMING IRISH COMEDY,
'HIS LAST LEGS.'

Felix O'Callaghan, — Mr. NEIL O'BRIEN.

Conductor, — Signor M. A. VALENZA.

By kind permission of Colonel FOSTER and Officers, the Band of the 55th Regt. will play appropriate Selections during the evening.

Doors open at 8.30. Overture at 9 precisely.

Box Plan at KELLY & WALSH (LIMITED).

Hongkong, April 14, 1886.

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STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUZI, PORT SAID,

MALTA, MARSEILLE, GIBRALTAR,

BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,

PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND

AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship THAMES, Capt. W. A. SEATON, R.N., with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be shipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via BOMBAY without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding the FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

N.B.—The Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSHALLS.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 14, 1886.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship Thales,

Captain Popoff, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant, at

9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPLAIR & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, April 14, 1886.

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DEPARTURES.

April 14—

Collardis, for Manting.

Actis, for Haiphong.

Namco, for Coast Ports.

Constance, British corvette, for a cruise.

Canton, for Whampoa.

Arabia, for Iloilo.

Phra Chom Kla, for Swatow and Bangkok.

Massilia, for Yokohama.

Minstrel, for Singapore and London.

City of Peking, for San Francisco.

Chi Yuen, for Whampoa.

Kwong Wo, Chinese transport, for Canton.

PASSAGERS.

Per Canton, from Shanghai, &c., Messrs

Andrews, Jennings and Rodriguez, and 15

Chinese.

Per Taising, from Calcutta & Co., Col.

and Mrs. Mitford, and 223 Chinese.

Per Min-hi, from Kobe, Mr. Clark.

Per Horseguards, from Saigon, 20 Chi-

nese.

Per Thales, from Coast Ports, Mr. Parker,

and Comte de Souvignier, and 168 Chinese.

Per Morton, from Shanghai, 1 Col.

and Mr. Mitford, and 223 Chinese.

Per Amoy, American Minister to China.

Per Kuang Lee, from Shanghai, Messrs

May and Mandel, and 55 Chinese.

Per Salas, from Haiphong, Capt. Cook,

and Mr. Billington, and 21 Chinese.

Per Mongku, from Bangkok, Mr. Vlahos,

and European servant, and 22 Chinese.

DEPARTURE.

Per City of Peking for Yokohama, Messrs

Paul Jordan, H. H. Stewart, W. A.

Woolley, S. T. Apcar, N. S. Joquin, C.

Cawood, O. G. de Betham, Cheung Tsin

Sun, and native servants, and 2 Chinese

for San Francisco, Commander E. J. Higgins,

THE CHINA MAIL.

The island of Juan Fernandez, upon which Alexander Selkirk, the prototype of Robinson Crusoe, spent his four solitary years, has never since been inhabited until twelve years ago, when the present "Governor" Rodt settled upon it with a small colony. Rodt, the *Boater Nachrichten* informs its readers, is a Swizer. He is described as an adventurer, a fellow of the type of the medieval Swiss Landsknecht and the later Swiss mercenary fighter. In 1860 he fought for Austria against the Prussians and in 1870 for France. After the defeat of the French he emigrated to Chile and made himself useful to the Government, at whose invitation he undertook the colonization of Robinson Crusoe's lonely island. Here he has resided for the last twelve years as governor and judge. Most of the settlers over whom he presides are German and Swiss. It appears that nearly all the vegetation of the temperate zone thrives admirably upon Juan Fernandez.

This Widdin correspondent of the St. Petersburg *Nouvelles* sends to that newspaper the following account of a young Bulgarian girl who took an active part in the late war against Servia, distinguished herself at Slivnitsa and at Pirot, and received two crosses for bravery. Previously to the outbreak of hostilities she joined a company of militia—such companies were then forming in various parts of Bulgaria—and accompanied it to the southern frontier in the hope of there meeting with the enemy. During some time she managed to conceal her sex, for her comrades took her to be a youth with an energetic face, of which there were many such to be met with among the militia. Only the commander of her company knew her secret; she was obliged to disclose it to him when the company set out upon its march, and he appears to have loyally kept it to himself. In all exercises, parades, and reviews she took part jointly with her male comrades. At last, when Servia declared war against Bulgaria, she heroically took part in the forced march into Servia, fought at the battle of Slivnitsa, and joined in the attack upon Pirot. During the fight she did all she could to encourage her comrades, and, in return, unanimously voted to her the company's medal for bravery. When, in consequence of the war coming to an end, the militia was dispersed, she went to Sophia, and was there presented to Prince Alexander, who awarded to her a second decoration for bravery. She then returned to Widdin, her place of domicile before the war, where she acts as servant to an old lady. She says that should the Servians begin another war she will again fight against them, but in her woman's attire, for it is not worth while to change one's dress for such an enemy.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The members of the Legislative Council met this afternoon. There were present: His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (W. H. March), President; His Honour Sir George Phillipps, Chief Justice; Hon. F. Stewart, Act. Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. Ackroyd, Acting Attorney General; Hon. A. Lister, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor General; Hon. P. Ryrie; Hon. W. Kewick; Hon. Wong Shing.

MOTIONES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and were confirmed.

ERRATUM.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table three papers—the annual weather report of the Director of the Observatory, the report of the Director of the Observatory on five-day means of the principal meteorological elements for 1885, and the report of the Acting Superintendent of the Botanical Afforestation Department.

THE STAFF OF THE OBSERVATORY.

The Acting Colonial Secretary also laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee with regard to the vote for repairs to Mountain Lodge, which had already appeared; and also the report of the Finance Committee on the application of Dr. Doberek for an additional Chinese clerk, which is as follows:—

"I read a letter from the Director of the Observatory (Dr. Doberek) furnishing a detailed statement of the daily work done at the Observatory, and its distribution among the staff, which was asked for by the Committee in connection with his application for an additional Chinese Clerk."

Dr. Doberek was present at the meeting of the Committee on the 24th ultimo, and gave the Committee some verbal explanations respecting this application; but the Committee considered it desirable that his explanations should be reduced to writing, in order that they may be placed on record.

After deliberation the Honourable T. Jackson moved, and the Honourable W. Jackson seconded, that the Director of the Observatory be allowed an additional Chinese Clerk at \$40 a month.

For.

The Hon. T. Jackson
" W. Kewick.
" The Treasurer.
" The Acting Attorney General.

His Honour The Chief Justice.
" Ackroyd.

The Hon. Wong Shing.
" P. Ryrie.
" The Surveyor General.
" The Acting Colonial Secretary.

Carried by a majority of one.

The Committee, however, unanimously advised that the Director of the Observatory should be informed that any application for a further increase to his staff will not be entertained.

The Committee adjourned.

He then said—I will now propose that these two things recommended by the Finance Committee be sanctioned by the Council—salary for an additional Chinese clerk to the Observatory \$40 per month for eight months amounting to \$320, and for general repairs at the Mountain Lodge £1,000.

I move that these two sums be now passed.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

THE STAMP ORDINANCE, 1886.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer.—The report of the Special Committee of the Legislative Council to consider a Bill entitled "The Stamp Ordinance, 1886" is as follows:—

"The Special Committee appointed to report on the draft stamp Bill, which is on going, certify into the probability that no revenue exists for additional taxation at the time, and they recommend the consideration of increase to the Revenue, but that funds are actually needed, who should sufficient claim be made upon the Government on account of the effects of slave labor, causes the Legislative Council to consider a Bill entitled "The Stamp Ordinance, 1886," the principle of which is as follows:—

"Under the next meeting of the Council he would propose the second reading of the amended Stamp Ordinance, a bill

understood that the duties in the schedule remain as they are.

THE LOAN ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled the Loan Ordinance 1886. In doing so, he said the bill was at short and long as it could possibly have been made under the circumstances. He then went through the various clauses of the bill. The second article declares that it shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the issue of debentures any sum or sums not exceeding on the whole £200,000. The other articles provide that the debentures shall be issued for not less than £100 sterling each payable at par at any time after the expiration of five years, but not later than twenty years from the date of issue; that these debentures will be issued on behalf of the Crown Agents in London, by whom the interest will be paid; for the registration of the debentures and coupons, and remittance of £2,568 half-yearly as a Sinking Fund.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

THE PEACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Peace Preservation Ordinance 1886. He hoped that the occasion might not often arise when they might have to call the powers and provisions granted under the Ordinance into effect, but he thought it very desirable that they should have these powers in case the necessity for them should arise. He then went through the various clauses of the Ordinance, reading extracts from them freely. Their effect was summarized in our issue of Saturday last. In conclusion, the Acting Attorney General, speaking of the banishment clauses, said that I was unwilling to accept the views of my colleagues when they came to point out me that they thought the revenue of the Colony was sufficient. My hon. friend on the right (Mr. Kewick) pointed out that there was under the most unfavourable view of matters an annual surplus of \$15,000. Still I found that the \$15,000 did not measure me. I said that it was nothing that the damages of a single rain-storm, lasting only a few hours, would amount sometimes to more than any sum margin as that. The proceedings recommended seemed to me very like those of a man going to Europe and taking with him just what money he calculated would be sufficient to enable him to land back at Dover with a single shilling in his pocket. When we got, however, the statement of the revenue collected during the last quarter we found that things were more reassuring; and the state of masters at present is that if the revenue of the Colony were falling off, certainly it was doing so much more rapidly than the amount of tax required to meet the expenses of the civil service. The other Orders of the day were postponed, and the Council adjourned until this day week at four o'clock.

THE REVENUE OR WINNERS.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the Relief of Widows and Children of Estates where the personal estate is of small value." The motion was carried, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

BILLS OF SALE.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the Council come into Committee on a bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels." The motion was carried, and the whole of the sections and schedules were considered, scrutinized and passed with one or two verbal amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

The other Orders of the day were postponed, and the Council adjourned until this day week at four o'clock.

THE PRESENT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBROIDERED SORROW

PRESENTED TO H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES BY THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

COMMERCIAL OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE FRENCH COLONIES.

The obstructions to commerce which but too frequently crop up in Cambodia, Tonquin and elsewhere, under the semi-military and non-commercial regime maintained by France in her Colonies, have unfortunately become notorious. They are naturally and not unjustly bracketed with similar obstacles to trade which are being continually stumbled against in the Philippine Islands; and it cannot be said that the enormous trade or the general prosperity of these Colonial possessions have furnished any marked proof of the rightness or the advisability of following such a line of policy. It may rather be alleged with confidence that the trade and prosperity of these dependencies of France and Spain would have grown materially in proportion to the facilities extended to all nationalities. The policy of protection in these countries has had a fair trial, and the experience is not favourable to its continuance. But although even those protective duties are indicative of a short-sighted policy, they are nothing when compared to the ignorant and impulsive treatment of foreign vessels in other and special cases. Innumerable cases have been recorded of Manila and of Saigon; and yet there is no appearance of reform or amendment.

As proposed as a resolution, I would introduce a proposal to the Council to keep practically the same, but with the duties to be kept practically as they are, only some amendments of detail and of consolidation being made.

His Excellency—After hearing the report of the Special Committee on the proposed increase of the stamp duties and the explanations given by the Treasurer, I beg to announce to the Council that it is not my intention to proceed with this Stamp Ordinance, as a measure for increasing the taxation, at least during the present session. It will be convenient perhaps if I give some explanation to the Council of what has been done with respect to the question I laid on this table as far back as the 17th February last. A Despatch from the Secretary of State together with a minute of my own, asking the Council to vote an additional sum of \$60,000 for the military defense of the steamer *Caribou* at Saigon, in which that vessel suffered delay from an attempt on the part of the Customs officials to make the owners responsible for the irregularities of certain Chinese on board. Some opium was discovered on board, in contravention of the Customs regulations; and a fine of \$3,000 or \$4,000 was imposed on the steamer. Upon the claim being firmly resisted, the fine was remitted; but the time lost and the legal expenses thus unnecessarily incurred upon the owners, constituted a substantial grievance. Now we learn of other cases which appear to be equally unjust and quite as serious as that of the *Caribou*. We learn that the British steamer *Lennox* (Captain Thorne), which left this port for Saigon on the 25th March, was arrested by the Customs authorities of that port on the 1st April, on the ground that she had opium on board. We are further informed that the owners, Captain, and officers were not implicated in any way with this irregularity, and that the parties who were actually guilty of this infringement of the rules were found and imprisoned. Notwithstanding until the 8th April, and she was released only after her agents had entered into a bond for the modest sum of \$42,000, the amount of the fine remained.

The resolution of the Finance Committee which was afterwards adopted unanimously by the Council was to the effect that the best means of doing so would chiefly be by an increase of stamp duty. A special Committee of Council was then appointed to consider in detail what increases should be made in a draft stamp Bill, which was introduced and read a first time. Since however, the question was first raised the accounts of Revenue and Expenditure of the past year have been closed and laid before the Council. The amounts of receipts during the first quarter of the present year have also been made up. The special Committee to which the draft stamp Bill had been referred has, after carefully considering the financial statements submitted to it, come to the conclusion that, in view of the prospects of expanding trade and Revenue, there is no immediate necessity for imposing additional taxation; and as it is clear to me that the surplus revenue of the present year will be more than sufficient to meet the interest and sinking fund on the portion of the loan which it will be necessary to borrow this year, I beg to announce to the Council that I do not intend to proceed any further with this stamp Bill as a measure for imposing additional taxation. Therefore, however, a few small amendments to the stamp Ordinance passed last year which experience has shown to be necessary, and advantage will be taken of the circumstances that a draft stamp Act is now before the Council to introduce those amendments. When Sir G. Bowen announced to this Council on the 13th November last that he did not intend to proceed further at that moment with the stamp Bill, he stated that it was confidently hoped that the progressive development of our commerce, now relieved from the depression caused by the recent hostility in this part of the world, will of itself lead to a growing extension of the public Revenue. It is not, however, satisfactory to see signs that this anticipation will in all probability be realized. An opinion was expressed on the same occasion by one of the unofficial members that the ordinary revenue which we shall receive will be sufficient to meet all calls upon it. Whether this opinion will prove correct or not, it is of course impossible at present to foretell. I believe myself that some future time extra taxation will be absolutely necessary.

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When a report of that measure is agreed to at the next meeting of the Council he would propose the second reading of the amended stamp ordinance, a copy of which is enclosed.

Two members of the Government, and myself without a word of dissent by two members

the *Lennox* were in my way implicated in the Prince of Fiu Yang, the title bestowed by the Emperor on Kwai Tsui. The illicit shipment of Opium was discovered near the entrance making a bow and handing a card to the second figure. On the right are two visitors greeting each other, and on the left are bearers of presents.

Before reaching the third entrance two persons are seen on their way to offer their congratulations, while somewhat higher up, a guard of four military officers. Just above them is an attendant in waiting and a figure handing in a card.

The third entrance is then reached. In front of it are two figures kneeling. They represent two great-grandchildren of Kwai Tsui, who are making their obeisance to him on the right, and his wife on the left. The group of five figures on the right are the sons-in-law of Kwai Tsui, the left are his sons-in-law. Below Kwai Tsui and his wife are two attendants bearing fans. On either side of the entrance are two bows, the one on the right being composed of a group of four figures, and the one above being composed of a group of four figures.

In front of the 600 tools recovered by the Customs officers, no fine was imposed, the drug being merely confiscated. This made a total of no less than 1850 tools of Opium, of which 500 tools had been brought to light by the officers of the steamer. In some less civilized places the officers would have been praised and probably rewarded for such a signal service to the Customs dignitaries. Not so in Saigon.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

THE PEACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled the Loan Ordinance 1886. In doing so, he said the bill was at short and long as it could possibly have been made under the circumstances. He then went through the various clauses of the bill. The second article declares that it shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the issue of debentures any sum or sums not exceeding on the whole £200,000. The other articles provide that the debentures shall be issued for not less than £100 sterling each payable at par at any time after the expiration of five years, but not later than twenty years from the date of issue; that these debentures will be issued on behalf of the Crown Agents in London, by whom the interest will be paid; for the registration of the debentures and coupons, and remittance of £2,568 half-yearly as a Sinking Fund.

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some interesting information, although
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sarily be of great importance in the eyes
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Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuan"
are continued, and a good instalment of
those travel'd in the interior of China is
given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a
paper of some length entitled "The Em-
peror Ch'eng, founder of the Chinese Em-
pire," which will be read with genuine
interest by students of Chinese history.

A few short notices of New Books and a
number of Notes and Queries, one of which
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